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1. WHILE IN BUENOS AIRES, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HODGES AND GROUP MET WITH ALL TOP MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC TEAM,
INCLUDING MINISTER OF ECONOMY DR. JOSE A. MARTINEZ DE HOZ,
SESSION LASTING MORE THAN AN HOUR. WORKING SESSIONS WERE
THE NUMBER TWO OFFICIAL AT THE MINSTRY OF ECONOMY,
STATE KLEIN, SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC PROGRAMMING
SETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INTERNALIC. ALEJANDRO M. ESTRADA; SECRETARY
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GROUP MEETING OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ARGENTINA, WHICH WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED. HE CONDUCTED A NUMBER OF PRESS CONFERE-NCES AND APPEARED ON LOCAL TELEVISION. IN ADDITION, HE MET WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITING MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION FOR UNDERSTANDING AMONG WOMEN. THE AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO ALL MAJOR VISITS AND FUNCTIONS. THE AMB. ALSO TOOK MR. HODGES TO VISIT JUNTA MEMBER LT.GEN.GALTIERI FOR A BRIEF CORDIAL MEETING.

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- 2. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT WAS A LARGE RECEPTION GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR CASTRO AT HIS RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. ATTENDANCE AT THE RECEPTION WAS REMARKABLY GOOD. MARTINEZ DE HOZ AND LEADING GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS WERE THERE.
- 3. INDUSTRY MEMBERS OF MISSION INDICATED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH MEETINGS WITH ARGENTINES AND WITH OVERALL RESULTS OF MISSION. EMBASSY CONCURS.
- 4. SEPTEL WILL REPORT SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS, INCLUDING MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF ECONOMY MARTINED DE HOZ.
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